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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** I Do Not Understand DOJ Reluctance to Seek a Forward-Looking Remedy

To Whom It May Concern:

An enormous amount of taxpayer money has been spent litigating US v. Microsoft. Surely when the Government embarked on this course, it was foreseeable that it would be necessary to exert effort on proving up required remedies. Why have you sacrificed the interests of the American consumer by relenting when the battle is almost won, and then ANNOUNCING your intention to do so before negotiations were complete?

I am a constant user of the Microsoft operating system, and I submit to you this point: yes our nation is afraid of retaliation, and yes the economy is suffering, but think of the TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LOST MAN-HOURS AND I.T. DOLLARS THAT GO DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE OF THE MS OS, which is purposefully designed to envelop more and more of digital economy, at the expense of all competition. (This is not a controversial statement; it was proven by your Department after great effort.) How do these "global" costs factor into your decision that litigating damages is simply too burdensome? We will never know because we didn't get to hear the testimony. I implore you to back out of this insufficient settlement.

These opinions are my own, and do not reflect the positions of my employers, clients, or professional associations.

Sincerely,

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